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Letter dated 5 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward, enclosed herewith, a letter from Mr. Tonino Picula, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, concerning the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka, Croatia, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Šimonović
Permanent Representative



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I refer to the item "The situation in Croatia", which is on the Security Council's January 2001 agenda. As you are aware, this issue has been before the Council on many previous occasions.

The emergence of the new Government in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia raises hopes that an overall lasting solution can be reached. My Government believes that this can be achieved through bilateral contacts between the Republic of Croatia and the relevant authorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Montenegro. We hope that the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia Government, as has been the case with the Montenegrin authorities, will approach the issue in good faith and with respect for the inviolability of international borders.

Croatia expects that the bilateral talks should commence as soon as possible. For its part, Croatia will take into account the security concerns of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and will endeavour to have the issue resolved in the spirit of good-neighbourliness, thus contributing to overall stability in the region.

With this in mind Croatia will not object to a single six-month extension of the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka. However, we strongly advocate the need to have the security issue of Prevlaka resolved during that period.

(Signed) Tonino **Picula**